

REMARKS

Claims 10-11, 13-17, 37-48, 50, 51, and 54-56 are now pending in the application. Claims 10-11, 13-17, 37-40, 44, 45, 51, 52, and 56 stand rejected. Claims 12, 41-43, 46-50, and 53-55 stand objected to. Claim 10 is amended herein to include the subject matter of objected to claim 12. Claims 41-43 are amended herein to be in independent form. Claim 45 is amended herein to include the subject matter of objected to claim 49. Claim 46 is amended herein to be in independent form. Claim 51 is amended to include the subject matter of dependent claims 52 and 53. No new matter is added. Claims 12, 49, 52, and 53 are cancelled herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10, 11, 14-17, 37-40, 44, 51, 52, and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels et al. in view of Manchester. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Daniels et al. as modified by Manchester as applied to claim 10 and further in view of Smallhorn. Claim 45 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Daniels et al. in view of Manchester and Smallhorn. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, independent claims 10, 45, and 51 are amended herein to include the subject matter of objected to dependent claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the instant rejections are now rendered moot and withdrawal of the instant rejections is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 12, 41-43, 46-50, and 53-55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claim 10 to include the subject matter of objected to claim 12. Applicants have amended claim 41 to be in independent form and include the subject matter of any intervening claims. Claims 42 and 43 are amended herein to be in independent form. Claim 45 is amended herein to include the subject matter of objected to claim 49. Claim 46 is amended herein to be in independent form. Claim 51 is amended herein to include the subject matter of claims 52 and 53. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims currently pending in the instant application are in condition for allowance. Thus, allowance of claims 10-11, 13-17, 37-48, 50, 51, and 54-56 is requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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